

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 199

By Stewart

A RESOLUTION to honor and commend J. Stanley Rogers for his honorable and astute service to the people of Tennessee.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to specially recognize those estimable public servants who have dedicated themselves to improving the quality of life for their fellow citizens; and

WHEREAS, J. Stanley Rogers is one such venerable person who evinces the greatest integrity and probity in all his chosen endeavors; and

WHEREAS, born on March 2, 1939, in Kilpatrick, Alabama, Mr. Rogers attended Central High School in Manchester, Tennessee and graduated from Middle Tennessee State University, in 1961 with a Bachelor of Science degree; and

WHEREAS, dedicated to upholding the highest tenants of the law, Stanley Rogers decided to pursue a legal career and enrolled in Vanderbilt University Law School, where he joined the Delta Phi Fraternity and earned his Doctor of Jurisprudence in 1964; and

WHEREAS, since attaining his law license almost a half a century ago, Mr. Rogers has established himself as one of the preeminent legal minds in the United States; he is a senior partner with the Rogers and Duncan Law Firm in Manchester, Tennessee and is admitted to practice law before the U.S. District Court for the Eastern, Middle, and Western Districts of Tennessee; the United States Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit; the United States Claims Court; and the United States Supreme Court; and

WHEREAS, a brilliant businessman, Mr. Rogers also works as a developer of commercial and health care facilities; and

WHEREAS, seeking to serve his fellow Tennesseans, Stanley Rogers won election to the House of Representatives of the 87th Tennessee General Assembly in 1971; he capably represented the citizens of Coffee, Franklin, Grundy, and Warren counties throughout his exemplary tenure, ushering in a host of positive changes as the Majority Leader during the 88th and 89th General Assemblies and as a valuable member of the Legislative Council, the Commerce Committee, and Finance, Ways and Means Committee; and

WHEREAS, having proven himself to be a thoughtful and dedicated leader, Mr. Rogers conducted a vigorous, yet respectful, campaign against future Vice-President Al Gore during the 1976 Democratic primary, as they vied for opportunity to represent Tennessee's 4th Congressional District; and

WHEREAS, a champion of higher education and staunch supporter of Tennessee's students, Stanley Rogers was appointed to the Tennessee Board of Regents on July 29, 1994, and served with acumen and alacrity as the Chairman of five presidential searches and as Vice-Chairman of the Board from 2003 until 2005; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Rogers was the third longest serving Regent in the history of that noble institution, before taking a much deserved retirement on September 24, 2010; and

WHEREAS, highly esteemed by his peers for his keen insight and peerless integrity, Stanley Rogers has rendered sterling service as the Chairman of the Tennessee Appellate Court Nominating Commission, Fellow at the American College of Trial Lawyers, and member of Lawyers Involved for Tennessee, United States Circuit Judge Nominating Commission for the Sixth Circuit, Tennessee Trial Lawyers Association, The Association of Trial Lawyers of America, Tennessee Judicial Evaluation Commission, and the Coffee County, Tennessee, and American Bar associations; and

WHEREAS, his many professional accomplishments aside, Mr. Rogers is most grateful for the love and support he shares with his wife, Patricia C. Rogers, and their three, highly successful children: Dr. Amy Lee Nickels; J. Stanley Rogers, Jr.; and Rachel Elizabeth Sain; and

WHEREAS, Stanley Rogers is wholly committed to the noble precepts of public service that have earned Tennessee recognition as the "Volunteer State," and he should be specially recognized; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED SEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we hereby commend J. Stanley Rogers for his honorable and astute service to the good people of Tennessee, salute his unswerving commitment to living the examined life with courage and conviction, and extend to him our best wishes for every future success.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.